

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to March 22nd, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2, 4-8 and re-numbered as claims 1-6 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 2 & 4-8 are pending in the application.
2. Claims 1 & 3 have been canceled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. A examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. In order to avoid a 112 rejection, the claims have been amended as follows:
 - In Claim 2, lines 7-8 **replace** "cost function = $2 \cdot (\text{dsrate}(2) - \text{dsrate}(1)) - \text{dsrate}(1) + (\text{usrate}(2) - \text{usrate}(1)) / \text{usrate}(1)$ "
with
"cost function = $2 \cdot (\text{dsrate}(2) - \text{dsrate}(1)) / \text{dsrate}(1) + (\text{usrate}(2) - \text{usrate}(1)) / \text{usrate}(1)$ "
 - In Claim 5, lines 7 **replace** "... (fx103) -1.5]-3.5}- ;"
with
"... (fx10³)^{-1.5}]-3.5};"

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2 & 4-8 are allowed.
6. Claims 2 & 4-8 and re-numbered as claims 1-6 respectively are allowable over the prior art of record because the cited reference do not contain the specified limitation of a method of for selecting a spectral mask for use with a DSL system,

the method comprising: obtaining a weighted ratio of upstream rates and downstream rates; determining whether a cost function, based in part upon the weighted ratio, is greater than a predetermined value, wherein determining whether a cost function is greater than a predetermined value further comprises: determining a cost function according to the relation: $\text{cost function} = 2 * (\text{dsrate}(2) - \text{dsrate}(1)) / \text{dsrate}(1) + (\text{usrate}(2) - \text{usrate}(1)) / \text{usrate}(1)$, wherein $\text{dsrate}(1)$ is the downstream rate of a first mask, $\text{dsrate}(2)$ is the downstream rate of a second mask, $\text{usrate}(1)$ is the upstream rate of the first mask and $\text{usrate}(2)$ is the upstream rate of the second mask.; and selecting a spectral mask based in part upon the determination of whether the cost function is greater than a predetermined value.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sudhanshu C. Pathak whose telephone number is (571)-272-3038. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9am-6pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh M. Fan can be reached on (571)-272-3042.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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